

State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA)

Victim Assistance Fines, Fees and Assessment Fund Update

In the first year, SOVA provided assistance regarding complaints and inquiries as it pertains to the expenditures of crime victims' funds retained by county and municipal governments pursuant to Section 14-1-206, 14-1-207, 14-1-211 of H4601.

However, the State Office of Victim Assistance's responsibility regarding this section was enhanced by a new Proviso that legislatively mandated SOVA to perform audits. The new Proviso is 89.61. This Proviso established the SOVA Auditing Section.

Throughout the past fiscal year, it has been the intent of the State Office of Victim Assistance's Auditing Section to not only conduct audits but to provide extensive technical assistance, training and education as it relates to the Victim Assistance Fines, Fees and Assessment Fund. The agency has been able to provide valuable information statewide to those responsible for the oversight of such funds. Assistance has been provided to aid in the accountability of funds within the counties and municipalities across the state.

During the last fiscal year, the SOVA Auditing Section requested **\$631,893.35** be recouped through the audits that were conducted. As a result, the actual total requested amount was recouped and placed into the Victim Assistance Fines, Fees and Assessment Fund for the specific municipality/county. The Auditing Section also requested that **\$135,524.55** be recouped due to the budget review phase and desk audits. The amount that was actually recouped from this amount was **\$97,703.97** leaving an outstanding balanced of **\$37,820.58**. **The total amount recouped from both audits and budgets for fiscal year 2010-2011 was a total of \$729,597.32.** These were funds that were used on unauthorized expenditures and placed into the Victim Assistance Fines, Fees and Assessment Fund as a result of the audits conducted and or budget review/desk audits.

If you would like to review a more detailed statistical report for the end of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year, click on the highlighted link below. This section will provide a comprehensive overview of the statistical data as it relates to the work performed during this period to include but not limited to number of audits completed, audits posted to the website, complaints received, inquiries assessed, desk audits performed etc..

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the SOVA Auditing Section at 803-734-1900 or you may visit the SOVA website at www.sova.sc.gov and click on the Auditing tab.

[2010-2011 Fiscal Year End Report – Click](#)